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Lesson 20 Using Context Clues

Life has many different kinds of lessons—large and small—in store for all of us. With every experience, life gives us a new piece of wisdom to explore and learn from. The words in this lesson relate to life lessons.

Word List

acquire	**enterprise**	**optimistic**	**reflective**
adversity	**genuine**	**recognize**	**resourceful**
creed	**legacy**		

EXERCISE A Context Clues

For each sentence below, use context clues to determine the meaning of the boldfaced vocabulary word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. Danielle tends to have a negative approach to life; her sister Jackie, however, has an **optimistic** attitude.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____
2. One doesn't always **recognize** the importance of a life event until much later.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____
3. To **acquire** a school diploma, a student must first meet all requirements.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____
4. "Giving back to the community" has become a guiding **creed** for many people.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____
5. The committee undertook the **enterprise** cautiously; to start a neighborhood center was complicated, difficult, and risky.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____
6. Because José is a **reflective** person, he thinks fully about a problem before acting on it.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____
7. Jacob experienced a run of hard luck, but **adversity** taught him a great deal about himself.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____

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8. A **resourceful** person, Amy cared for her aging mother and kept her full-time job.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____
9. Will admires his parents; they share a deep and **genuine** love.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____
10. My grandmother left me a priceless **legacy** of life stories, which I hope to pass down to my own children.
   My definition _____
   Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Word Association

For each group of words, write the vocabulary word that belongs.

1. remember, know, realize _____
2. belief, principle, opinion _____
3. project, endeavor, adventure _____
4. inheritance, gift, heritage _____
5. shrewd, inventive, energetic _____
6. thoughtful, careful, considerate _____
7. hardship, difficulty, misfortune _____
8. cheerful, bright, positive _____
9. honest, real, true _____
10. gain, obtain, earn _____

EXERCISE C Antonyms

Write the vocabulary word that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning.

1. false _____
2. pessimistic _____
3. lose _____
4. good fortune _____
5. thoughtless _____

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Lesson 21 Using Synonyms

We learn lessons in a number of different places and at various times throughout our lives. School, home, and work are among the many environments in which we learn life lessons. The words in this lesson deal with life lessons.

Word List

advantageous	**generous**	**optional**	**strategy**
capacity	**intuition**	**paramount**	**surpass**
endeavor	**notable**		

EXERCISE A **Synonyms**

Each boldfaced word is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other related words. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **endeavor** : attempt _____
   Dictionary definition _____
2. **intuition** : hunch _____
   Dictionary definition _____
3. **notable** : outstanding _____
   Dictionary definition _____
4. **advantageous** : helpful _____
   Dictionary definition _____
5. **optional** : not required _____
   Dictionary definition _____
6. **surpass** : exceed _____
   Dictionary definition _____
7. **capacity** : potential _____
   Dictionary definition _____
8. **paramount** : supreme _____
   Dictionary definition _____
9. **strategy** : plan _____
   Dictionary definition _____
10. **generous** : bountiful _____
    Dictionary definition _____

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EXERCISE B Clues Matching

Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.

1. An elective course could also be described in this way. _____
2. Describes someone who is famous in his or her field. _____
3. A group of students work to get different food choices in the cafeteria. _____
4. A starting hourly wage well above minimum might be described this way. _____
5. Describes a careful method for reaching a goal. _____

EXERCISE C Antonyms

Write the vocabulary word that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning.

1. fall short of _____
2. reason _____
3. unfavorable _____
4. unimportant _____

EXERCISE D Sentence Completion

Complete each sentence with the vocabulary word that fits.

1. To get a good summer job, it is _____ that I obtain excellent grades.
2. Unfortunately, the instructor's training _____ seemed outdated and uninspiring.
3. Erica's personal goal is to _____ her best time running the mile.
4. The company's policy of allowing four weeks of vacation for new employees seems _____.
5. Joel decided to _____ to pass the test to be a lifeguard next summer.

EXERCISE E Word Origins

Write the vocabulary word that best fits each sentence.

1. Knowing that the prefix *in-* can mean "in" and that the Latin word *tuéri* means "to look at" can help you understand the meaning of the word _____.
2. We get a hint of the meaning of the word _____ when we learn that the Latin word *mont* means "mountain."
3. The Middle English word *endeveren*, meaning "to exert oneself," became the Modern English word _____.
4. The French word *avant*, meaning "before," is related to the vocabulary word _____.
5. The vocabulary word _____ is related to the Latin expression *nota bene*, which means "mark well."

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Lesson 22 The Word Roots *viv, vit, vita*

The word root *viv* comes from the Latin verb *vivere*, which means "to live." Related to *vivere* are the roots *vit* and *vita*, which mean "life." The words in this lesson all pertain to life.

Word List

convivial	**revived**	**vitalize**	**vivacious**
revitalizing	**survivor**	**vitamin**	**vividly**
revival	**vitality**		

EXERCISE A Context Clues

For each sentence below, use context clues to determine the meaning of the boldfaced word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. The film director wants to organize a **revival** of the old black-and-white films of the 1940s.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

2. A **survivor** of the boating accident recounted his tale about the tragic experience.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

3. The party began quietly, but after an hour of socializing everyone got into a **convivial** mood.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

4. Each capsule contains 500 milligrams of the **vitamin** we all need most.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

5. To **vitalize** her spirits, my neighbor starts each day with a brisk walk.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

6. Only the most **vivacious** students were considered for the cheerleading squad.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

7. The **vividly** colored painting included bright reds, yellows, and greens.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

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8. Fortunately, the paramedics **revived** the bicyclist who had suddenly fainted.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

9. The **vitality** of the young pup was evident in his quick, playful romp around the yard.

   My definition _____

   Dictionary definition _____

10. Our spring break was **revitalizing**; afterward we were ready for the new term.

    My definition _____

    Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Synonyms

For each group of words, write the vocabulary word that fits.

1. sprightly, lively, spirited _____
2. intensely, brightly, colorfully _____
3. animation, vigor, energy _____
4. energize, rally, freshen _____
5. merry, festive, friendly _____

EXERCISE C Antonyms

Write the vocabulary word that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning.

1. dead _____
2. unfriendly _____
3. exhausting _____
4. indistinctly _____
5. dispirited _____

EXERCISE D Word Webs

Think about how the vocabulary words in this lesson relate to the idea of life and living. Choose one of the vocabulary words from the list. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, create a word web that includes any words, phrases, feelings, or ideas that you associate with the word you've written in the center of the web.

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Lesson 23 Using Reading Skills

Clarifying Meaning

What does it mean to "own" a word? To own a word is to be able to give its definition, use it in a sentence, or give examples from real life. These are all methods of clarifying the meaning of a word. Once a word becomes clear in your mind, it's yours for good.

EXERCISE

Each phrase below provides a general description of something. Give two or three specific examples of each general category. Make sure your examples show your understanding of the boldfaced vocabulary word. Use a dictionary as needed.

1. make **amends** _____
2. ancient **artifact** _____
3. show **hospitality** _____
4. **larder** contents _____
5. **defiant** gesture _____
6. tools of **edification** _____
7. **confidential** information _____
8. object of **forgery** _____
9. **fretful** gesture _____
10. place for **rendezvous** _____
11. **transparent** material _____
12. overused **cliché** _____
13. fancy **garb** _____
14. animal **habitat** _____
15. sign of **gratitude** _____

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EXERCISE A

Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence.

1. Katrina is such a(n) _____ person that she brightens other people's lives.
   a. reflective b. optional c. vivacious d. resourceful
2. The company's _____ goal is to increase its profits overseas.
   a. paramount b. generous c. optional d. notable
3. After experiencing _____, Kevin learned how to offer support and understanding to others who are struggling.
   a. vitality b. legacy c. adversity d. strategy
4. Formal dress was _____ for the spring dance.
   a. paramount b. notable c. reflective d. optional
5. The elderly man lived a simple life, but left a large _____ to the urban garden project.
   a. legacy b. strategy c. reflective d. creed
6. Kim's friends are certain that her _____ for singing and dancing will make her famous.
   a. creed b. capacity c. legacy d. enterprise
7. We began the _____ with a sense of excitement and adventure.
   a. vitality b. enterprise c. adversity d. vitamin
8. The neighbors often got together for a(n) _____ evening of good food and conversation.
   a. convivial b. advantageous c. genuine d. notable
9. Joe's _____ to get a summer job begins with rewriting his resume.
   a. capacity b. intuition c. creed d. strategy
10. The product was improved by adding calcium and an essential _____.
   a. survivor b. capacity c. vitamin d. intuition

EXERCISE B

Circle the letter of the word that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning.

1. paramount
   a. first b. unimportant c. supreme d. basic
2. optional
   a. elective b. voluntary c. notable d. required
3. vividly
   a. dimly b. brightly c. happily d. colorfully

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